

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please amend the claims below by deleting items marked with a strikeout (i.e. ~~patent~~) or brackets (i.e., [patent]) or double brackets (i.e., [[patent]]), and adding items marked with an underline (i.e. patent).

Claims 1-16(Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) A pet chew toy comprising:

an elongated body member having a plurality of ribs and a corresponding plurality of interstitial spaces formed therebetween, said plurality of ribs and said plurality of interstitial spaces capable of cooperatively impinging at least one consumable treat;

wherein said plurality of ribs comprise:

a first series of ribs and a first series of interstitial spaces therebetween substantially

disposed in a direction parallel to a central axis of said first bore; and

a second series of ribs and a second series of interstitial spaces therebetween

concentrically disposed about a central axis of said second bore;

a first bore and a second bore parallelly disposed to said first bore; and

[[further comprising impregnating]] said body member impregnated with a liquid

flavoring, said liquid flavoring dispensed through a plurality of apertures formed in said body member.

18. (Currently Amended) The toy of Claim [[14]] 17 further comprising impregnating said body member with a scented aroma.

19. ((Currently Amended) The toy of Claim [[14]] 17 , wherein said toy is formed by extrusion molding.

20. (Previously Presented) The toy of Claim 19, wherein said toy is formed from thermoplastic.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The toy of Claim ~~[[14]]~~ 17 , wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a threaded cap.

28. (Original) The toy of Claim 27, wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a first threaded cap at an end and by a second threaded cap at an opposite end.

29. (Original) The toy of Claim 27, wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a bond molded cap.

30. (Original) The toy of Claim 27, wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a first bond molded cap at an end and by a second bond molded cap at an opposite end.

31. (Original) The toy of Claim 27, wherein at least one of said bores houses a sound module, said sound module generating a prerecorded sound upon activation.

32. (Original) The toy of Claim 31, wherein said sound module is adhered to said bore.

33. (Original) The toy of Claim 31, wherein said sound module is heat bonded to said bore.

34. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A pet chew toy[[of Claim 15 further]] comprising:
an elongated body member having a plurality of ribs and a corresponding plurality of interstitial spaces formed therebetween, [[impregnating]] said body member impregnated with a liquid flavoring, said liquid flavoring dispensed through a plurality of apertures formed in said body member, said plurality of ribs and said plurality of interstitial spaces capable of cooperatively impinging at least one consumable treat;

wherein said plurality of ribs comprise:

a first series of ribs and a first series of interstitial spaces therebetween helically

disposed about a central axis of [[said]] a first bore; and

a second series of ribs and a second series of interstitial spaces therebetween helically

disposed about a central axis of [[said]] a second bore;

said first bore parallelly disposed to said second bore.

35. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A pet chew toy[[of Claim 15 further]] comprising:
an elongated body member having a plurality of ribs and a corresponding plurality of interstitial spaces formed therebetween, [[further comprising impregnating]] said body member impregnated with a scented aroma, said plurality of ribs and said plurality of interstitial spaces capable of cooperatively impinging at least one consumable treat;

wherein said plurality of ribs comprise:

a first series of ribs and a first series of interstitial spaces therebetween helically

disposed about a central axis of [[said]] a first bore; and
a second series of ribs and a second series of interstitial spaces therebetween helically
disposed about a central axis of [[said]] a second bore;
said first bore parallelly disposed to said second bore.

36. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A pet chew toy [[of Claim 15]] comprising:
an elongated body member having a plurality of ribs and a corresponding plurality of
interstitial spaces formed therebetween, said plurality of ribs and said plurality of interstitial
spaces capable of cooperatively impinging at least one consumable treat;

wherein said plurality of ribs comprise:

a first series of ribs and a first series of interstitial spaces therebetween helically
disposed about a central axis of a first bore; and
a second series of ribs and a second series of interstitial spaces therebetween helically
disposed about a central axis of a second bore;
said first bore parallelly disposed to said second bore;

wherein said toy is formed by extrusion molding.

37. (Original) The toy of Claim 36, wherein said toy is formed from thermoplastic.

38. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A pet chew toy [[of Claim 15]] comprising:
an elongated body member having a plurality of ribs and a corresponding plurality of

interstitial spaces formed therebetween, said plurality of ribs and said plurality of interstitial spaces capable of cooperatively impinging at least one consumable treat;

wherein said plurality of ribs comprise:

a first series of ribs and a first series of interstitial spaces therebetween helically

disposed about a central axis of a first bore; and

a second series of ribs and a second series of interstitial spaces therebetween helically

disposed about a central axis of a second bore;

said first bore parallelly disposed to said second bore;

wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a threaded cap.

39. (Original) The toy of Claim 38, wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a first threaded cap at an end and by a second threaded cap at an opposite end.

40. (Original) The toy of Claim 38, wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a bond molded cap.

41. (Original) The toy of Claim 38, wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a first bond molded cap at an end and by a second bond molded cap at an opposite end.

42. (Original) The toy of Claim 38, wherein at least one of said bores houses a sound module, said sound module generating a prerecorded sound upon activation.

43. (Original) The toy of Claim 42, wherein said sound module is adhered to said bore.

44. (Original) The toy of Claim 42, wherein said sound module is heat bonded to said bore.

45. (Currently Amended) The toy of Claim ~~[[16]]~~ 17 further comprising impregnating said body member with a liquid flavoring, said liquid flavoring dispensed through a plurality of apertures formed in said body member.

46. (Currently Amended) The toy of Claim ~~[[16]]~~ 17 further comprising impregnating said body member with a scented aroma.

47. (Currently Amended) The toy of Claim ~~[[16]]~~ 17, wherein said toy is formed by extrusion molding.

48. (Original) The toy of Claim 47, wherein said toy is formed from thermoplastic.

49. (Currently Amended) The toy of Claim ~~[[16]]~~ 17, wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a threaded cap.

50. (Original) The toy of Claim 49, wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a

first threaded cap at an end and by a second threaded cap at an opposite end.

51. (Original) The toy of Claim 49, wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a bond molded cap.

52. (Original) The toy of Claim 49, wherein at least one of said bores is enclosed by a first bond molded cap at an end and by a second bond molded cap at an opposite end.

53. (Original) The toy of Claim 49, wherein at least one of said bores houses a sound module, said sound module generating a prerecorded sound upon activation.

54. (Original) The toy of Claim 53, wherein said sound module is adhered to said bore.

55. (Original) The toy of Claim 53, wherein said sound module is heat bonded to said bore.

56. (Currently Amended) The toy of Claim ~~[[16]]~~ 17, wherein each one of said plurality of ribs is substantially disposed in a direction parallel to said first bore and said second bore.

57. (Currently Amended) The toy of Claim ~~[[16]]~~ 17, wherein each one of said plurality of ribs is substantially helical to said first bore and said second bore.